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report giving observations of Soviet and East German military installations and activities between Tangermünde and Riesa from 28 June to 14 July 1958 at the following locations: Wittenberg, Vockerode - Rosslau, Rodleben, Brambach, Magdeburg, Kehnert and Riesa. The information consists of various fragments, but it includes a brief account of a large Soviet tent camp near Magdeburg, with roughly 40 trucks parked near the river bank.

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Soviet and E.G.A. activity on the river ELBE from  
TANGERMUENDE to RIESA  
(28 Jun - 14 Jul 58)

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1. WITTENBERG

On 30 Jun 58 on the south bank of the ELBE, two single-engined aircraft were parked in an open field. The tank position often occupied by 4 x ZSU-57-2 was not manned and no tanks were in the area.

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2. VOCKERODE - ROSSLAU

On 30 Jun 58 E.G.A. tented camps situated on both banks of the river ELBE stretched from km. stones 250 to 254. There were two camps, one on either side of the river. Each camp contained large numbers of M.T. - 300-400 vehicles. Pontoons, rubber boats and motor boats were parked on the banks. A smaller Russian tented camp, stretching from km. stones 254-256 was situated on the north bank. Small folding pontoons were parked near the river bank of this camp.

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3. RODLIBEN

The AA gun was manned by 6 x 85 mm. AA. No radar was in position nearby.

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4. BRAMBACH

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On 1 Jul 58 at km. stone 267 4 pontoon sections, each section consisting of two pontoons with road surface mounted, were positioned between breakwaters built out from the bank at this point.

5. MAGDEBURG

On 2 Jul 58 at km. stone 328 there is a small Russian camp. Four AA guns with 4 TPMs were parked near a one-storeyed barrack hut, roughly 25 m. long and 6 m. wide.

Between km. stones 331-333, near MAGDEBURG on the east bank, a large Russian tented camp was pitched. 3 motor boats and 6 tracked amphibians were in the water.

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6. KEHNERT

On 13 Jul 58, between km. stones 259 and 260 5 wheeled amphibians of the E.G.A. were parked. Six sections of pontoon bridging were secured in the water between breakwaters.

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7. RIESA

A large tank training area exists on the banks of the river between km. stones 136 to 139. On 28 Jun 58 tanks, guns were assembled near the bank.

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